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TAGS: UN, ECOSOC, PINR, PARM

SUBJECT: FRENCH 1973 NUCLEAR TEST SERIES IN PACIFIC-

ECOSOC DEBATE

REFS: A. GENEVA 3759

B. STATE 142192

C. STATE 102092

1. FRANCE EXPLODED NUCLEAR DEVICE OVER MURUROA ATOLL ON JULY 21, 1973. IN RESPONSE TO PRESS QUESTIONS, DEPARTMENT SPOKESMEN STATED, "WE WOULD HOPE THAT EVERYONE WOULD SIGN THE NUCLEAR TEST BAN TREATY PROHIBITING TESTS IN THE ATMOSPHERE. WE DO NOT OFFER CRITICISM OF THE FRENCH OR ANYONE ELSE." US AEC SPOKESMEN REFUSED TO RELEASE DATA ON FRENCH BLAST. DOD ACKNOWLEDGED US NAVY SHIPS AND PLANES WERE IN AREA FOR "ENVIRONMENTAL TESTING."

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2. SHOULD SUBJECT OF FRENCH TESTING BE RAISED IN ECOSOC  
DEBATE IN GENERAL WAY, NO REPEAT NO INTERVENTION SHOULD  
BE MADE. IF PRESSED, US DEL SHOULD USE GUIDANCE PROVIDED  
IN REF STATE CABLES. UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES SHOULD DEL  
OFFER MORAL JUDGMENT OF FRENCH TESTING. IF FRENCH TESTING  
IS RAISED IN SPECIFIC WAY, FOR EXAMPLE BY RESOLUTION OF  
SOME SORT, YOU SHOULD SEEK FURTHER GUIDANCE. ROGERS

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